

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 12396 151859Z

47

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CCO-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 /026 W

----- 040463

P 151805Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9443

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 12396

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, FR

SUBJECT: MITTERRAND REQUESTS PARIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY

1. SOCIALIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY MITTERRAND HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT TO PARIS MAY 27-28. HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS CSCE FOLLOW-ON, MBFR AND PORTUGAL. MITTERRAND FEELS THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL AND TIMELY IN VIEW OF HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY ACCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- MITTERRAND IS THE HEAD OF FRANCE'S MOST DYNAMIC POLITICAL PARTY AND HAS BECOME THE DE FACTO SPOKESMAN OF THE FRENCH OPPOSITION.
- BY AGREEING TO SEE MITTERRAND, THE SECRETARY WOULD BREAK THE ICE WITH RESPECT TO HIGH LEVEL WASHINGTON CONTACTS WITH FRENCH OPPOSITION LEADERS. SUCH CONTACTS ARE NATURAL AND ROUTINE IN U.S. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ALLIED COUNTRIES, BUT HAVE NOT DEVELOPED SIGNIFICANTLY HERE TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR IMAGE WITHIN A MAJOR SEGMENT OF NON-COMMUNIST FRENCH OPINION.
- IN LINE WITH OUR DESIRE TO PERSUADE LEADING

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 12396 151859Z

EUROPEANS THAT PORTUGAL IS VERY MUCH A

EUROPEAN PROBLEM, THE SECRETARY WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO AN IMPORTANT SOCIALIST WHO HAS GOOD CREDENTIALS AMONG THE NON-COMMUNIST LEFT OUTSIDE OF FRANCE, AND WHO SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF MODERATION IN LISBON IF SUFFICIENTLY MOTIVATED.

-- IN THE COMPETITION WITHIN THE FRENCH LEFT BETWEEN SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS, A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WOULD HELP MITTERRAND ENHANCE HIS CURRENT POPULAR ADVANTAGE OVER THE COMMUNISTS.

3. IF SECRETARY AGREES, WE WOULD EXPLAIN TO QUAI AND ELYSEE THAT WE REGARD MEETING WITH MITTERRAND AS NORMAL CONTACT WITH OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. WE BELIEVE WE COULD EXPECT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CRITICISM IN RIGHT OF CENTER PRESS BECAUSE OF MEETING BUT WE DO NOT FEEL THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SERIOUSLY PUT OUT BY SUCH A MEETING.

4. AS SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE NOW STANDS, THE MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE OVER COCKTAILS (1830-1930) ON MAY 27TH OR AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN THE EVENING MAY 26.
RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975PARIS12396
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750171-0393
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750549/aaaabsaw.tel
Line Count: 87
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 MAY 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <01 OCT 2003 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MITTERRAND REQUESTS PARIS MEETING WITH SECRE- TARY
TAGS: PINT, FR, US, (KISSINGER, HENRY A), (MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006